

Traffic Stop Leads to Heroin Arrest

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New Castle, DE- Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man after a traffic stop led to the discovery of a large amount of heroin late last week.

The incident occurred on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at approximately 11:15 a.m., as troopers were responding to the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles, located at 2230 Hessler Boulevard, New Castle, for the report of two suspicious subjects who had been inside of the building. As troopers were arriving, they were advised that both subjects had exited the building and were seen exiting the parking lot in a tan Toyota Camry. It was at this time that the troopers observed a vehicle matching the provided description stopped on Hessler Boulevard at the intersection of US Rt. 13 (N. DuPont Highway), and noticed that the front seat passenger of the car was not wearing a seatbelt. As the vehicle turned onto northbound US Rt. 13, they conducted a traffic stop of the car.

As the troopers made contact with the operator of the car, later identified as Alexis Valentin, 31, of New Castle, as well as a 21 year old Wilmington man, they noticed the strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside of the car. Troopers subsequently removed both subjects from the vehicle and after conducting a search of the car; they located a total of 2,946 baggies (approximately 44.19 grams) of heroin packaged for sale in the vehicle's center console and trunk.

Alexis Valentin and the 21 year old male passenger were both transported to Troop 2 Glasgow where after further

investigation, Alexis Valentin was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 5 Quantity and Possession with the Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance in a Tier 4 Quantity. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution for lack of \$120,000.00 cash bail. The 21 year old male was released without being charged.

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